

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES



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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-42

TO: County Welfare Directors
Chief Probation Officers
Public & Private Adoption Agencies
DSS District Adoption Offices
District Attorneys
Community Care Licensing District Offices

SUBJECT: AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN - FOSTER CARE QUALITY CONTROL

REFERENCE:

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of the requirements of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Foster Care (AFDC-FC) Quality Control Program. As you are aware, a quality control system for the AFDC-FC Program was developed by the Department of Social Services (DSS) as mandated by Assembly Bill 8 (Chapter 282, Statutes of 1979). In anticipation of the federal mandate, Public Law 96-272 (HR3434) effective in California on October 1, 1982, this system was implemented on an ongoing basis by the DSS Quality Control Bureau in April 1981.

As part of a quality control review, the DSS Quality Control analyst is required to view all or any part of the following records to determine the child's eligibility for AFDC-FC funds, and the correctness of the payment:

Income Maintenance Case	Companion AFDC-FG/U Case
Service Case	Licensing Records
Adoption Service Case	Fiscal Records
Probation Service Case	District Attorney - Child Support Records
Court Folder	All Other Pertinent Records

Cooperation from the agencies responsible for providing case records to DSS Quality Control staff is essential to the completion of a case review. This is a request for the needed cooperation from all applicable agencies.

Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 10852, authorizes the review of any record pertaining to the expenditure of funds for which DSS is responsible. In order for DSS personnel to proceed with their reviews, it will be necessary to allow DSS Quality Control analysts to review case records for those children for whom AFDC-FC funds were paid. These may include cases which are no longer receiving foster care funds.

We look forward to your cooperation and assistance to ensure accurate and timely reviews. If you have further questions on this matter, please contact the Quality Control Bureau at (916) 445-0220.

Sincerely,



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cc: CWDA